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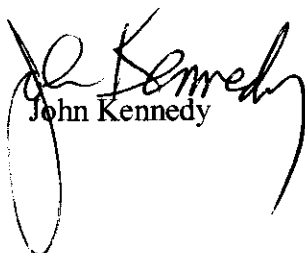
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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I am writing to you to express my concern that proposed rules by the FCC to create thousands of low-power FM radio stations would cause serious harm to small and medium market radio broadcasters nationwide. Even with the unwise elimination of second and third adjacencies there will be very few new stations in major markets. Less populated area's such as Greenville, Illinois (pop. 6,400) could be flooded with brand new radio stations owned by people that will have to hock their life savings to put on a radio station with no chance of economic survival. At the same time the documented interference caused by these stations would effectively destroy existing small market station signals. If small market listeners can't hear their local station more than a few miles beyond their transmission site what good is all the new emergency alert equipment? But you've heard all this before in comments filed by hard working small and medium market radio stations. Allow me to paint a picture

When the low Power interference and economic train wreck happens, and it will happen, who will pick up the pieces? The broadcast industry? The equipment manufacturers? The Taxpayers? The local banks? Let me address the local banks. In 1985 when I borrowed money to buy WGEL I got very little, less 15 percent of what I needed from local banks. They were not impressed with the idea of 3000 Watt radio station in a town this small and I had 15 years of broadcasting experience at that time. In 1985 there were no new 6,000 watt 80-90 stations that now cause additional interference and no satellite radio on the horizon. Would-be broadcasters will lose their shirts in LPFM

And who would benefit from LPFM ? With the FM dial loaded with LPFM interference listeners will be forced to pay for interference free subscription satellite Radio. The losers, LPFM licensees, small & medium market broadcasters and their listeners who depend on them for local news, sports, and emergency information.

Sincerely,


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